Honorarium paid by Railways to its employees for printing railway time tables

2211. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways pay some honorarium to its employees for printing of Railway Time Tables twice a year;

(b) if so, the details of such payment made to each Railway Zone and Board during 1987, 1988 and 1989;

(c) the income earned from the sale of time-tables and advertisements separately during 1987, 1988 and 1989;

(d) whether Government propose to stop the practice of printing the time tables twice a year to give relief to travelling passengers;

(e) whether the changes during each session of time-table is proposed to be printed through supplementaries to make these available on nominal charges; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) The income by sale and advertisements of zonal railway Time Tables for the years 1987-88 and 1988-89 is as under:—

	1987-88	1988-89
By Sale		
(after payment of commission)	Rs. 47 Lakhs	Rs. 55 Lakhs
By advertisements	Rs. 28 Lahhs	Rs. 23 Lakhs

The November '89 Time Tables is still in force till the end of April '90 and therefore the corresponding figures for 1989-90 cannot be compiled at this stage.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Undue favour shown by NCCF to Oswal Agro Mills

2212. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Oswal Agro Mills allowed additional 15 per cent discount to Haryana Consumer Federation in February, 1989 as against 8 per cent discount to NCCF on Tarun Soap and violated terms of their agreement with NCCF in supplying Tarun Soap to H. P. Civil Supplies Corporation directly;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Haryana Consumer Federation complained to NCCF on 27th December, 1988 about supplying underweighed soap and fraudulent replacement of wrapper showing the manufacturing date of March, 1988 as December, 1988;

(c) whether there are serious allegations against the Assistant Manager (MER), NCCF, Hqrs. for having received huge kickbacks from the manufacturer in suppressing their large scale malpractices; and

(d) whether Government propose to enquire into this matter, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) NCCF have reported that M/s. Oswal Agro Mills Ltd. allowed additional 15 per cent discount, at their instance only to Haryana Consumer Federation in February, 1989 as compensation for complaints regarding quality and weight in addition to normal 8 per cent discount agreed with NCCF in the formal agreement. As NCCF did not make payment to M/s. Oswal Agro Mills for supplies made in Himachal Pradesh the Oswal Agro Mills had, reportedly, offered further supplies of Tarun Soap directly to H.P. Civil Supplies Corporation. There had been no violation of the agreement in these transactions.